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Dear Bob:

Thanks so much for sending a copy of your Fourth of July message. Hope you don't mind if I use it as my basic text. I've been looking for a great speech writer, and who'd have thought you'd pop up there in little ole Mauritius.

It's one thing for people to read that the President of the United States and the Secretary of State have made ringing speeches about human rights and another very important thing to hear those same words from a person whom they know and see is available to them. If we're ever going to get our message across and to have our reasons for doing what we do clearly understood, it will be because of the work of people like you who are there and caring and committed.

I think we ought to send you to a harder place; there are so many countries which don't have the record that Mauritius has.

We really appreciate your sending the text and hope that if you've got any ideas of ways that might be more effective, things that we might say or do, I hope you'll pass them along to us.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Derian
Coordinator for Human Rights
and Humanitarian Affairs

The Honorable
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